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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am an original first and sole (or joint) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "EXPLOSION-PROOF SEPARATOR FOR LI-ION SECONDARY BATTERIES".

The specification was filed July 22, 2003 as U.S. Application No. 10/624,277.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) that is (are) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that (those) prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the filing date of this application.

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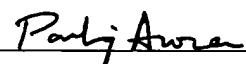
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